

To: LEP Directors and Testing Coordinators
Cc: District Superintendents and Administrators
Re: RESULTS from NEEDED DISTRICT FEEDBACK: Transitioning to the New English Language Proficiency Assessment for District LEP Students
Date: March 13, 2014

Please forward to the appropriate school personnel, as needed.

The results have been tallied in regards to whether districts would prefer to transition to the ACCESS English Language Proficiency Assessment for LEP students, either for the Spring of 2015 or 2016. Of the 55 districts who responded, nine districts were fine with either option because they either currently have no or under five LEP students, 21 districts voted in favor of Spring 2015, and 25 voted in favor of transitioning Spring of 2016.

Based on this vote, the State of Idaho will be transitioning to the WIDA ACCESS 2.0 in the Spring of 2016.

We would also like to let districts know that we are currently working with WIDA and our budgets, in order to obtain and make available to districts a screener for the 2014-15 school year, which correlates to the newly implemented WIDA standards. We will be in contact within the next several weeks to inform you of our progress and the resource that will be available.

Thank you,

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